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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

A "Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Non-Provisional Application" was mailed 11/30/01. Applicant has elected to take action pursuant to option (III) as a constructive acceptance of the application as deposited in the USPTO. The Notice specifically noted that "Figure(s) Fig 21a, 21b and 26b" were omitted, which was not the case. Applicant contends that the application was complete but contained some minor errors. As filed, the specification made reference to "Figures 21A-21B", but the drawings included a "Fig. 21". During preparation, draft Figures 21A and 21B had been combined into one formal figure such that the specification should have only referred to "Figure 21", which was included in the drawings as filed. As filed, the specification made reference to "Figures 26A-26B", but the drawings had a "Fig. 26A". During preparation, draft Figures 26A and 26B had been combined into one formal figure such that the specification should have only referred to "Figure 26", and filed figure "Fig. 26A" should have been labeled "Fig. 26".

Please amend the application as specified below. Marked-up drawing sheets are included herein. Please note that a new set of formal drawings has also been submitted.

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the application by rewriting the paragraphs in the specification with the following clean paragraphs in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121; a marked-up set of the paragraphs is included in the following section.

Paragraph at page 13, lines 24-26:

**Figure 21** is a flowchart depicting a process for detecting movement of endpoints from one geographic location to another geographic location;

Paragraph at page 14, lines 8-10:

**Figure 26** is a flowchart depicting a process for quarantining devices within secure geographic boundaries.

Paragraph at page 98, lines 6-10:

With reference now to **Figure 21**, a flowchart depicts a process for detecting movement of endpoints from one geographic location to another geographic location. The process shown in **Figure 21** assumes that a network of endpoints has already been discovered and that the endpoints are being monitored.

Paragraph at page 110, lines 6-12:

With reference now to **Figure 26**, a flowchart depicts a process for quarantining devices within secure geographic boundaries. The secure geographic boundary resources that are determined in the process shown in **Figure 24** can be used in many different processes, and the quarantine process shown in **Figure 26** is merely one of those processes.



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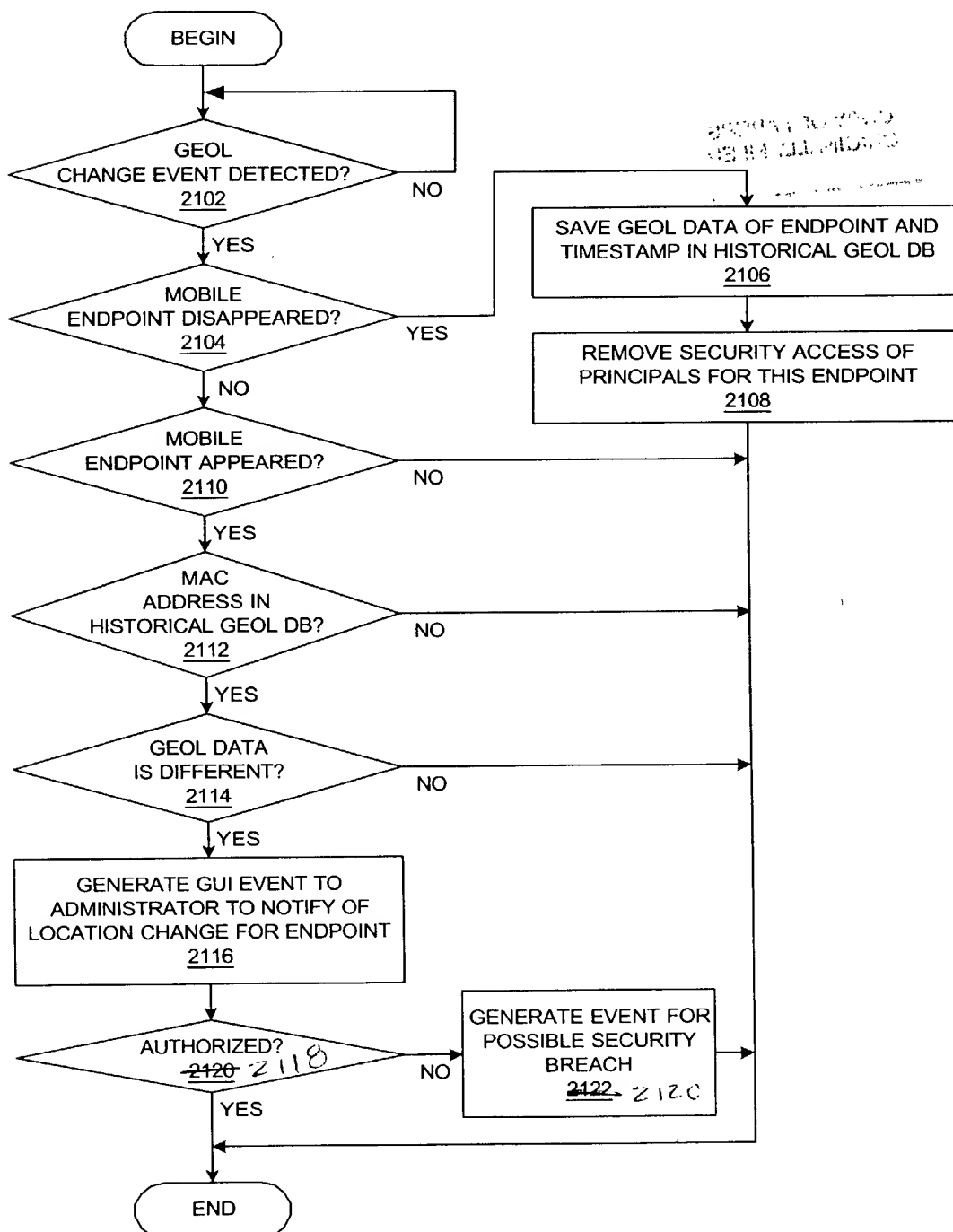


FIG. 21

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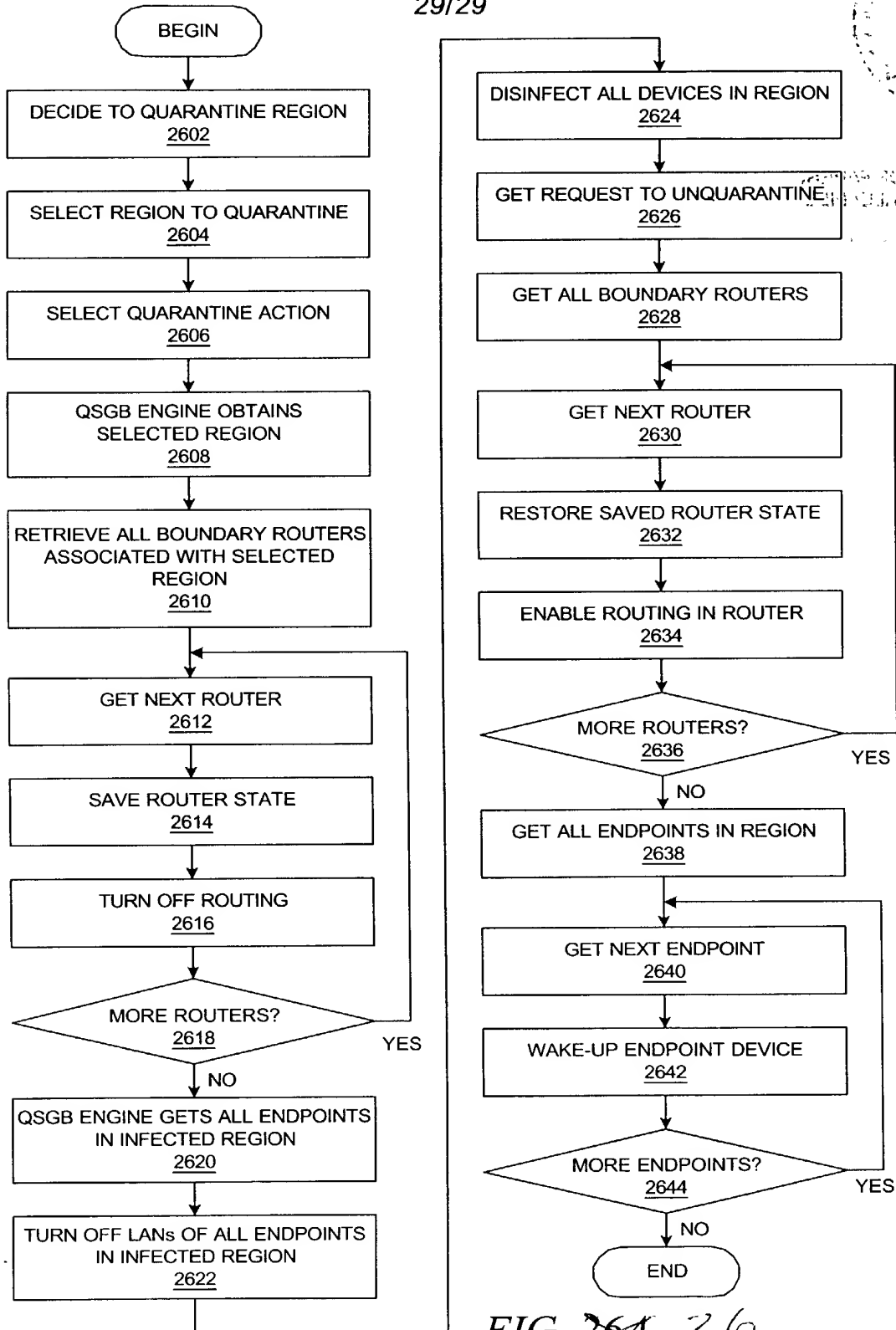



FIG. 26A 26

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